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UTILISATION OF FUNDS MEANT FOR COMPUTERISATION OF LAND RECORDS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds provided by the Government for computerisation of land records have been utilized fully by the concerned States during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of funds provided and utilized during the said period, State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure utilization of funds to maximum extent?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) & (b) The scheme of Computerisation of Land Records (CLR) is a demand-driven scheme. The proposals received from the State Governments are examined and funds are released to the respective States for undertaking data entry work, setting up of computer centres at district/ tehsils/ taluks/ sub-division levels, digitisation of cadastral maps and imparting training to revenue officials. Since inception of the scheme (1988-89), the Government of India has released Rs. 545.36 crore and utilization reported by States/UTs is Rs. 245.00 crore. A statement showing the funds released during the last three years, total amounts released since the inception of the scheme, and total amounts utilized by the State Governments is enclosed as Annexure.

(c) & (d) The activities under the scheme of CLR, viz; development of suitable software as per the State`s requirements, undertaking data entry work, verification and validation of the data entry work, porting of data from Foxbase to Windows Platform and setting up of computer centres at tehsil/ taluk/sub-division levels, are time-consuming processes. Therefore, the States often taking time in utilization of funds released for the implementation of the scheme of CLR.

The progress of the scheme is being reviewed from time-to-time at various fora, including Conferences of the State Revenue Ministers/ Revenue Secretaries, wherein States/UTs are requested to take expeditious steps for utilisation of funds released by the Government of India for the purpose. Also, further release of funds is linked to receipt of utilisation certificates for the funds released earlier. Recently, the progress of the scheme was reviewed with the Revenue Secretaries of States/UTs on 12th April, 2007 and the States/UTs have been requested again to ensure full utilization of funds released to them under the Scheme.